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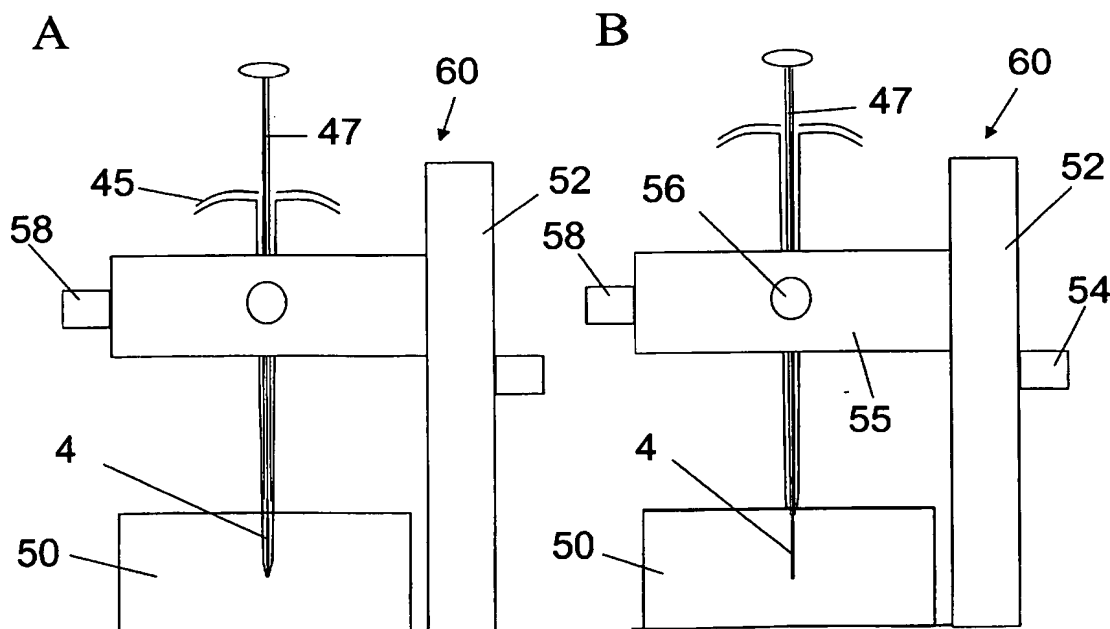
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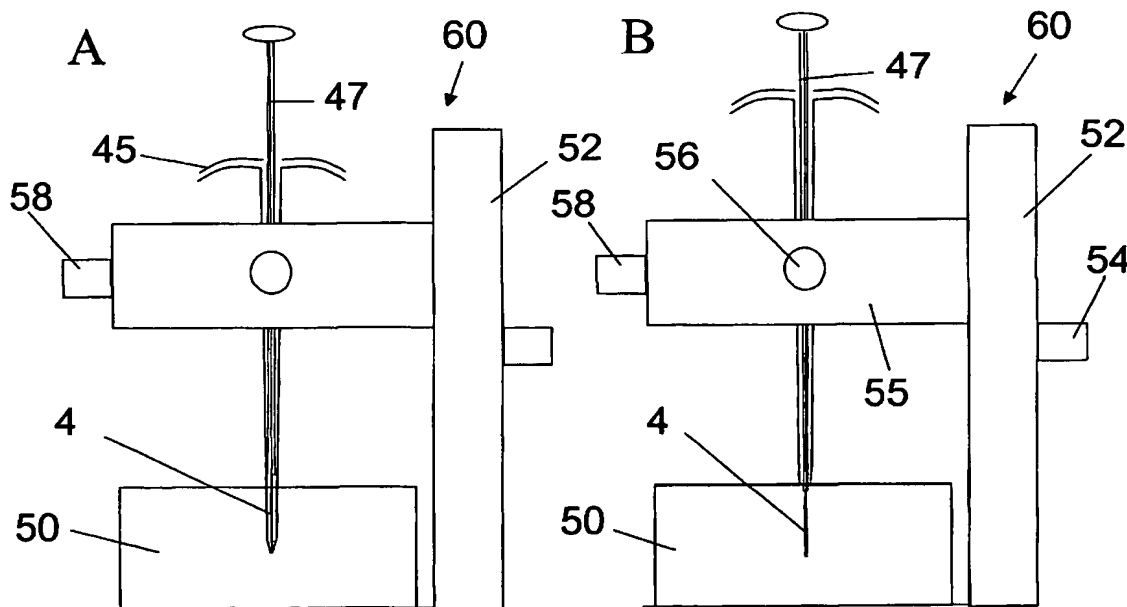
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1. ☒ Claims Nos.: 1-41, 83-92
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
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1. claims: 42-82

Device for adsorbing components from an animal comprising one or more coated fibres and a positioning device for guiding said fibres into the animal.

2. claims: 93-95

Method and device for identifying components in a multiwell comprising a plurality of coated fibres and a positioning device for guiding said plurality fibres into the multiwell and afterwards into an analytical instrument.

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